

Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel

3 July 2018

Staffordshire Police Crime Panel Home Office Grant 2017/18

Report of the Secretary

Purpose of the Report

1. To report on the allocation of grant received from the Home Office to meet the costs of the Police and Crime Panel during 2017/18.

Recommendations

2. The Panel is asked to note and make comment on the expenditure for 2017/18.

Background

3. Each year since the establishment of Police and Crime Panels, the Home Office has agreed a grant allocation to each Local Authority acting as the Host Authority providing administrative support and management services to the Panel. In addition a standard amount of grant (up to £920pa) has been allocated to each Panel member to meet expenses and costs incurred in carrying out their role. Notification of Grant entitlement is issued by the Home Office and a claim for up to that amount has to be submitted at the end of the financial year.

4. In recent years the two elements of grant have been consolidated to give Panels greater flexibility over how to spend the monies. A condition of that flexibility is the requirement to formally report/publish the allocation of the funds.

5. As the Host Authority for the Staffordshire Panel, Staffordshire County Council accepted the grant offer for 2017/18 and is responsible for its use. In addition to supporting Panel meetings and members, the County Council provides all other officer support services (legal, financial, complaints handling, Information governance and administration).

Home Office Grant Expenditure 2017/18

6. The maximum amount which could be claimed from the Home Office in 2017/18 was £64,340 made up of £53,300 for administration and £11,040 for member expenses (£920 x12). The amount claimed by Staffordshire County Council, is detailed at Appendix 1.

Transparency

7. As indicated above, the terms of the Home Office Grant Agreement, state that the Police and Crime Panel will “publish” as a minimum on their website details of all expenditure including Panel administration costs and individual members’ expense

and allowances(or when not possible on the Host Authority's website). Consequently this report will be published on this Panel's dedicated pages on Staffordshire County Councils' website.

Future Home Office Funding

8. At the time of writing this report notification of grant allocation for 2018/19 was still awaited. It is understood that the Home Office are considering grant amounts in the context of the additional responsibilities placed on Panels as a result of changes in Fire and Rescue Governance arrangements. I will update the Panel as and when information is received.

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APPENDIX 1

Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel Home Office Grant Allocation 2017/18

EXPENDITURE HEADING		AMOUNT £
Officer Support		48,162.63
Administration		2,611.29
Training/Travel		615.97
Members' Expenses/Allowances		
Bennett,	920.04	
Chapman, F.A. (incl NI)	98.70	
Conteh, R.	920.04	
Darby, P.	920.04	
Doyle, S.	920.04	
Edgeller, A (incl NI)	951.64	
Edwards, B.R. (incl NI)	924.63	
Florence-Jukes, D	452.60*	
Greatorex, C.	93.98	
Jackson, P.	920.04	
Kearon, A	383.35	
Peters, B	93.98	
Pullen, D	713.03	
Walker, K.	920.04	
Waring, J	0	
TOTAL	9,232.15	60,622.04
Underspend/unclaimed		-3,717.96

*To be confirmed